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A POST-OFFICE ON THE HILL? WRITE FOR IT!

Government Will not Allow Sub-station on College Hill Until There Is Greater Demand for It

PLANS ALL MADE

Proposed Location Would Be in Bursar's Office

Once again the long-desired Hill post-office has been refused. Once again a long series of complaints, demands, and supplications have gone in vain. The government has just announced its refusal of a proposed substation for the College. The reason given is that while the convenience would be justified, and the need is obvious, there is not sufficient population here to warrant a sub-station. Mr. H. W. Roberts, the postmaster at Clinton, has just received a letter from the Postoffice Department at Washington, denying the request of the College, which he personally recommended.

The investigation was conducted just before the start of the current semester. Mr. Roberts, in conjunction with a Postal Inspector sent for the purpose, came to the Hill, and made a survey of the conditions and a possible site. Mr. Roberts said: "I was altogether in favor of the establishment of a so-called contract station, but the government did not think it necessary." He went on to point out that the complaints had ceased since the establishment of two deliveries a day from the Clinton office. This, he says, further influenced the officials in their deferment of the proposal to a later date. That at some future time such a station will be installed is assured by the heat to which the agitation has lately attained. Before Mr. Coughlin knew of the refusal he stated that if the petition were turned down, the College authorities would certainly renew their demands more vigorously than ever. Mr. Roberts believes that a renewal of the agitation is all that is necessary to future success.

Mr. Coughlin to be Manager

The proposed station was to have been installed during the Christmas holidays, in the Bursar's office. Mr. Coughlin was to have had charge of the service, aided by an assistant in the employ of the government. All the plans had been completed. The Bursar's office was chosen because it is open longer than the store and readily accessible. The services were to include the sale of stamps, money orders, registering of letters, the receipt of outgoing mail and packages, and the holding for demand of all incoming mail. All the business conducted here would eventually go through the Clinton postoffice, of which it would be a branch. Provision would be made for the transporting of mail to and from the village, as mail deliveries are now made. In every respect it would correspond to the city drug store sub-station.

The postal authorities at Washington had received numerous letters of complaint regarding mail service to the Hill. When the promise of relief brought a stop to the complaints, the complaint, it seems, was discontinued. It is imperative that the petitions, which are filed with the Postmaster General, be renewed, if any further action is to be taken.

Surveys Made Last Summer

Beginning in June and July the surveys were made, and nothing but favorable reports were returned to Washington. Mr. Roberts approved the plan, for it could be nothing but a convenience to the Clinton office, since it would handle a great and troublesome volume of its business. On the other hand, it is really a service to the College. It would obviate the carrying of laundry cases to the village, and having to get mail there.

In order to get the free delivery it now has, Clinton had to combine the Hill population with its own. This comprised the required 1800 inhabitants. Because there are only a possible 500 people to be served on the Hill, the Post Office Department does not see fit to grant it a sub-station. It is doubtful if the ordinary city substation serves more than that number, and if the Department discovers that there is still further dissatisfaction in College with the present system it is likely that the remedy will be conceded.

CHOIR ENTERTAINED

Professor and Mrs. Paul A. Fancher entertained Sunday evening in their new home, with a musicale in honor of Mrs. Fancher's mother, Mrs. Reid.

Mrs. Nhare, soprano soloist, accompanied by Miss Briesen, sang several numbers which were greatly enjoyed. Both Mrs. Nhare and Miss Briesen are of the Westminster Church Choir, Utica.

The Hamilton College Choir dedicated the new den, recently built, and the acoustics were found to be perfect.

The guests, who included several Utica people and various members of the faculty and their wives, were served with refreshments later in the evening.

For the past several years Professor Fancher has entertained the choir at his home.

MUSICAL CLUBS GIVE CONCERT WEDNESDAY

December 12 Set for Utica Concert—Instrumental Club Has Features

The annual Utica concert of the Hamilton musical clubs will be given this year in the Hotel Utica ballroom on Dec. 12, a week from this coming Saturday night. Previous to their Utica appearance they will give their first concert of the year this coming Wednesday evening in New York Mills.

A great deal of time has been spent in preparing an elaborate program, which the leaders of the Glee and Instrumental Clubs are sure will please the audience.

In the Glee Club practice last Sunday the final cut was made in the tenors before the first concert Wednesday. The singers have been making fine progress under the direction of "Diz" Freeman and are ready for their first appearance. The chorus this year is exceptionally good and several numbers have been prepared which are particularly for chorus work.

The Instrumental Club this year is reported to be the best one that has represented Hamilton for a good many years. A great many of the freshmen who turned out for the club have proved to be fine musicians, with the result that the members are expected to make a much better showing than those of past years. Keith Preston, the leader of the club, has arranged several special numbers, the main one being "By the Waters of Minnetonko."

Directly following the Utica concert on Dec. 12 an informal dance will be given in the ballroom. The tickets for the concert and dance will be placed on sale this coming Wednesday and can be obtained from the managers of the clubs, from Sid Britten, Will Merritt, and Will Archibold, or at the College Store. The regular admission will be $1.50, but a special student ticket will be sold on the hill for $1, which will admit students only.

After the Christmas vacation the musical clubs will make several trips including a weekend trip sometime in February, and the regular ten-day trip at Easter.

STUDENTS GET TICKETS TO "PHANTOM OF THE OPERA"

Dr. Shepard has received from the Universal Pictures Corporation 40 pairs of tickets for "The Phantom of the Opera" at the Robbins DeLuxe Theater. Forty seats were set aside yesterday and the same number will be held today for the use of members of the advanced French classes who have been given these tickets.

Gaston Leroux's French novel, from which the plot of the play is taken, is built around a musical genius so ugly of face that he habitually wears a mask when he appears in public and lives in the intricate maze of cellars and passages beneath the Paris Opera House. Lon Chaney does remarkable and inimitable work with the role. Fifty other principals and over 5000 extras were necessary for the staging of many of the scenes. Dr. Hauch's advanced class will be interested in the complete performance of "Faust" photographed in full color, which forms part of the picture.

Mr. Laemmle, head of the Universal Pictures Corporation, has spent more than a million dollars on the production, and the result can justly be placed in the "worth while" class.

Union Picks Martin For All-Star Team

There appeared in the last issue of the "Concordiensis," the weekly student publication of Union College, a picked team of the best players with whom the Garnet came in contact during the past football season. Captain Edward Martin, Hamilton's plunging back, was given a half-back position on the first team and Captain-elect Bob Thomas was placed at guard on the second team. This may be considered a distinct honor as Union had a schedule that included teams of the calibre of New York University, Williams, St. Lawrence, Hobart, and R. P. I.

Old Pamphlets Show College Almost "On Verge of Ruin" Century Ago

Writings of Henry Davis, President 1817-33, Describe Insubordination of Students—Men Object to Classes on Christmas Morning—Fire Off Cannon in Dormitory

That Hamilton College was facing a serious crisis between the years of 1820 and 1830 is shown by an interesting but little known pamphlet, "A Narrative of the Embarrassments and Decline of Hamilton College," by Henry Davis, president of the college from 1817 to 1833.

President Davis sets forth in his pamphlet reasons for believing "that the Institution had been embarrassed, its prospects blighted," and that it was "on the verge of final ruin." He cited the hostility of the Board of Trustees, and said that the question to be settled was "whether our young gentlemen were to govern or be governed."

His first cause for alarm came on a Christmas morning. The faculty had agreed that the usual exercises after 11 o'clock would be dispensed with until evening. The sophomore class then resolved that it would not attend the 11 o'clock classes. The professor upon attempting to enter his recitation room found it locked. The door was broken down and preparations made for the exercises in the hope of some repentant members attending. "The other classes attended their exercises as usual." One member of the revolting class upon being questioned, said, "I presume the class will not find it convenient to attend recitation." More "pious" and "respectable" sophomores were "affectionately" consulted, and President Davis remarked, "I trust you, young gentlemen, are praying with other Christians for the blessing of God upon the Institution; but so long as this spirit exists among us we have no reason for expecting this blessing." A confession was decided upon by the class but on no condition was it to be public. The faculty, "considering the nature of the offence," decided that the confession must be public and should the gentlemen refuse they would be suspended from "the privileges of the Institution." Then it was decided that they would make the confession provided they be given honorable dismissals from the college. The request was granted. "Forthwith they were active in their exertions for the attainment of their end; and we had for several days a scene of much confusion."

About the fourth day, repentant members asked permission to stay, and after giving the permission other members followed suit, the scene was changed, and "the college became tranquil."

Chapel Furniture Smashed

No further troubles of any serious consequence were had until 1819. One morning "the railing of the seats in the Chapel were broken." It was repaired and then "a fresh attack was commenced upon it." The student body was called together and informed that any further damage would result in the detection of the authors and they "must not expect to escape with immunity." Again, after the repairing of the railing, it was damaged beyond repair. About 20 of the students were questioned and suspicion was directed upon a certain student on probation. The suspected person declared that he was innocent and said that the persons guilty of the crime should come forward and confess so that he might not have to "suffer for their act." Then a young man called on President Davis and assured him that he was the guilty person. Afterwards it developed that he was merely acting for the student first suspected, who thought that he could not stand the censure as well as his friend.

Although the affair was small, it caused a great deal of commotion in and out of the college, petitions were presented and pressure brought to bear upon officials. Members of the Board of Trustees, when asked to uphold the President, did as they were requested, but remarked, "We sustained the President; we could not do less."

Davis at the close of this incident wrote, "From this period my mind was filled with gloomy forebodings. I expressed, confidentially, strong apprehensions to some of my friends, that Hamilton College would never rise to that degree of usefulness and respectability which was naturally expected, unless under different auspices."

In November, 1823, an occurrence took place without a parallel, it is believed, in the history of American colleges as to its character. "A cannon, heavily loaded and plugged, was fired and burst, at two o'clock in the morning, on the fourth floor of one of our dormitories."

The cannon had been placed outside the door of a tutor, who was asleep in an adjoining room. "His coat, which was hanging on his chair, at the foot of his bed, was so rent as to be useless. The side of his chamber was entirely carried away, and the door found standing erect against the opposite wall. Many of the doors in the same section of the building were burst open, and some torn from their hinges. In several windows scarce a pane of glass was remaining; and even the sashes in some instances were wholly burst away. The fragments of the cannon were thrown in every direction—some through the roof and some through every obstacle quite into the cellar."

This incident aroused great feeling. A lawyer in Utica offered "$50 to carry on a prosecution rather than that the offenders should escape with impunity." Steps were made to discover the offenders, and in the meantime, plans were made to prosecute them if found. At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was decided that they had no jurisdiction to try criminal cases.

For days an attempt was made to discover the guilty person or persons; classes were addressed individually; and the whole student body threatened with prosecution unless the guilty persons were found. Finally a committee from the senior class asked, if the exploders of the cannon should give themselves up, would there be a prosecution? President Davis, being uncertain, could give no definite answer. The next morning 20 students fled. The matter appeared to be closed.

In less than a week parents had sent the "young gentlemen" back. Then the problem of their being admitted arose. The Trustees again met, and interrogated each of the members who had fled. The case narrowed down to a few; one was expelled, and others escaped with minor punishment.

Only Dartmouth Surpasses Hamilton

As a result of an undefeated season Colgate claims the runnerup berth to Dartmouth among the leading teams of the East. However, we feel that the statisticians have overlooked Hamilton. Critics of the Hamilton-Colgate game next fall have been absolutely overwhelmed by these figures. How about this?

Hamilton tied Union	St. John's beat Villanova
Union tied St. Lawrence	Villanova beat Lehigh
St. Lawrence beat Upsala	Lehigh beat W. & J.
Upsala beat P. M. C.	W. & J. beat Lafayette
P. M. C. beat St. John's	Lafayette tied Colgate.

HAMILTON equals COLGATE

KIRBY PAGE TO SPEAK

Mr. Kirby Page will speak before the college body Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 16 and 17. Mr. Page is the author of many books, among them are "War: Its Causes, Consequences and Cure," "Imperialism and Nationalism," and "The Sword or the Cross," besides being one of the greatest authorities in America on international affairs.

He comes under the auspices of the World Court Committee of the Council of Christian Associations. He will give a short lecture on international affairs, open to the college body, on Wednesday evening, and another one after Chapel on Thursday morning. The same week Mr. Page will speak at Cornell University, Syracuse University, Colgate University and Union College.

McBRIDE PREPARES SQUAD FOR HOBART

Seven Letter Men Form Nucleus of Hamilton Quintet

Following a week of preliminary drill in passing, pivoting, and shooting, Coach McBride gave his basketball squad its first taste of actual scrimmage yesterday afternoon. In spite of the briefness of the training so far this season, most of the men appeared to be in good shape during the first practice game.

Team play during the initial scrimmage was decidedly ragged and McBride plans to drive his squad at top speed in order to have the quintet in shape for the opening game of the season, less than two weeks off.

Although he has an abundance of seasoned material on his squad, McBride is still far from certain what his lineup will be for the curtain-raiser with Hobart. Seven letter men remain from last year's team, Payne, Esch, Marquardt, Burns, Howk, Stone and Jacobsen, forming a veteran nucleus for this year's campaign. Rowley, who earned a letter last year, is now ineligible.

McBride's big problem for the coming season will be to find a capable center to fill the shoes of Jack Hatch. Worboys, Jacobsen, and Normile, a freshman who has made the varsity squad, are all being tried at the pivot position but no one seems to have an inside track at present.

In addition to the letter men, Holley, Thomas, Fitzgerald and Worboys are on the varsity squad. Normile and Eldridge, two promising freshman candidates, have both made the grade and it seems likely that McBride will move up a few more of the yearlings during the next week or so. The freshmen have shown up well in their few practices and should develop a winning combination.

Hobart will bring practically the same team to Clinton which was defeated by such a narrow margin here last year. The Geneva combination is a veteran one that should make Hamilton plenty of trouble.

Following the Hobart encounter, Hamilton will meet only one more opponent before the Christmas recess. The final game of the calendar year will be played with St. Lawrence here on Dec. 17.

NOTICE OF PECK'S DEATH "GREATLY EXAGGERATED"

Life begs to apologize for an item that appeared in last week' issue, announcing the death of Bayard L. Peck, '91. The day after this issue was published, the editor received the following telegram: "The news of my death reported in **Hamilton Life** is, in the words of Mark Twain, greatly exaggerated. Please omit flowers and letters of condolence for the present. Bayard L. Peck."

It is extremely unfortunate that Mr. Peck's many friends should have received the unnecessary shock that was caused by reading of the death of one of Hamilton's most prominent alumni. Apparently there was a general impression on the Hill that Mr. Peck had died, as the members of his fraternity have had their badges draped in his memory for several weeks. The members of the fraternity have been unable to find out through what source the information was supplied to them.

—Mr. H. V. Lloyd-Jones, a member of the Oxford debating team which recently appeared in the colege chapel, spent last weekend on College Hill at the home of Prof. A. P. Saunders.

INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE HELD IN NEW YORK CITY

Hamilton College Sends Delegates to Annual Conference at Hotel Pennsylvania

RECOGNIZE THETA NU EPSILON

Conference Presents Proposals for New Rushing System

Hamilton sent two representatives to the 17th Annual Session of the Interfraternity Conference which was held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, last Friday and Saturday. The delegates also attended the sessions of the National Undergraduate Interfraternity Council which met at the same time and place. The Hamilton Interfraternity Council was represented by William H. Freeman, '26, and Robert N. Brockway, '28.

The National Undergraduate Interfraternity Council was organized in 1923 and held conferences in the fall of 1923 and 1924 in New York City, to which came delegates from 66 Undergraduate Interfraternity Councils from as many colleges and universities of the United States. Every council has its problems, and it is by means of this Conference that helpful ideas from other colleges which have solved similar problems can be discussed. The problems which arise are much the same in every college, and the delegates can compare methods of procedure.

Prominent Educators Attend

Hamilton Wright Mabie, as chairman of a committee, called together the first Interfraternity Conference in 1909. Since then it has been the custom to meet yearly on the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving. The conferences have grown in prestige, and the last three or four sessions have found many men prominent in educational work attending.

The Interfraternity Conference opened in New York with more than 200 delegates, representing nearly 60 fraternities and more than 100 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada present. Fifteen prominent educators, headed by Dean Thomas Arkle Clark of the University of Illinois, met with the delegates. Dean Clark has been especially interested in the relations between the fraternity and the college, and has made it a matter of study ever since he was graduated from the University in 1890. He is the author of "The Fraternity and the College," and "The Fraternity and the Undergraduate," and numerous other books and articles on undergraduate life.

The 1925 conference was marked by the approving of the Theta Nu Epsilon fraternity. For years much abuse has been heaped upon this fraternity because of its extreme secretiveness. After three years of work in reorganizing the fraternity, it was finally recognized.

The Kappa Chapter of the Theta Nu Epsilon was established in 1882 at Hamilton. The fraternity was composed of sophomores who were initiated in the latter part of their freshman year. The membership was kept a secret until the end of the member's sophomore year. It was recognized by the College and took its place in fraternity affairs. In the year book the members' names were printed, except that the sophomores had their names printed in code. In the absence of an Interfraternity Council, the T. N. E., as it was called, controlled all college politics until 1902, when the organization broke up. Several years later P. L. White attempted to revive the fraternity but the rebirth was only temporary, the D. T. Club taking its place.

The speakers at the Conference included Dr. George E. Vincent and Dr. Francis W. Shepardson. Dr. Vincent is the president of the Rockefeller Foundation, and is especially interested in the subject of the social mind and education.

Dr. Shepardson Makes Address

Dr. Shepardson, former Commissioner of Education for Illinois, addressed the Conference. He has been active in fraternity affairs, and was until last year the President of Beta Theta Pi.

Dr. Shepardson spoke on the subject, "Just what does the Interfraternity Council accomplish?" He thinks it a real factor for good in the college

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PUBLIC SPEAKING : A SUGGESTED REMEDY

The large number of men who have responded to the call of Mr. Lewis to write Clark Prize orations is gratifying indeed to those who have at heart the oratorical traditions of the college. The fact that this response is, of course, voluntary, renders more significant the fact that a large number of men in the senior class are interested in good writing and good speaking.

But, one wonders, would not an equally gratifying result be obtained were Hamilton to relinquish somewhat its super-difficult courses in public speaking? Would not the men who have recently shown their interest in speaking be just as likely to respond in the same manner if they had a year, or two years, less of training? For it is the firm conviction of **Life** that a man at the end of his sophomore year does or does not like to speak; that he knows pretty definitely whether or not he is, or will ever be, a capable speaker.

We do not mean to say that Hamilton cannot look back with pride upon its record of men well educated in the art of oratorical persuasion. But in times past public speaking was almost the sole diversion of students. There were not the highly organized athletics, the publications, the many outside activities of the present. And can it be denied that the latter are without their constructive and generally educational value? Nevertheless Junior year, with its eight appearances, infringes enormously not only upon worthwhile outside activities, but also upon valuable other courses which suffer thereby.

Life frankly suggests as a remedy that public speaking after sophomore year be made elective. The Public Speaking Department frequently complains that it has an insufficient staff to handle the tremendous amount of work that comes under its direction. This proposed plan would somewhat relieve the department of this embarrassment. Good sub-freshmen should not be frightened away by the lugubrious prospect of four years of enforced speaking!

TRAVEL EXPERIENCES GIVEN BY LECTURER

Mr. L. O. Armstrong Presents Illustrated Lecture in Commons

One of the most interestingly told and beautifully illustrated lectures ever given on the Hill was the talk given by Mr. L. O. Armstrong last Monday evening, in Commons, on the subject of the fjords of America. Mr. Armstrong, a traveler and lecturer of many years' experience, did not confine himself to the fjords, but told his audience a story of his experiences in all parts of the north of our continent. The effect of his descriptions was greatly heightened by the magnificent views, which brought before the eyes of his hearers the wonderful scenes of which he told.

The lecture was rather late in beginning, due to a mistake in the shipping of the films. Dean Saunders presented the speaker in his usual easy, graceful manner. Mr. Armstrong, who has spent his whole life traveling and studying in the out-of-doors, was a white-haired man with a rugged and weather-beaten face. Although he is over 70 years of age, he possesses all the clearness of eye and spring of step, which betoken a man who has lived much of his life in the open. The speaker was of English descent, and talked in a broken manner which was at first rather hard to understand. He spoke in an informal way, and his speech was besprinkled with an easy humor which made what he said the more delightful.

Importance of Conservation

After opening his speech by telling a few amusing episodes of his early life, Mr. Armstrong declared that the purpose of the series of lectures, of which this is one, was not only to tell of the wonderful beauty of the fjord regions, but also to preach the doctrine of conservation. He said, on this subject, "Without conservation of our bird life, we would soon starve to death. The insects which the birds destroy, if allowed to multiply freely, would soon ruin all the crops of the country. These insects also destroy more lumber a year than is destroyed by fire. Without these forests the inland water supply would disappear, and with it our fish. Hence, from all angles, a strict policy of conservation is essential to our very existence." The first views shown were of bird refuges, upon which the American and Canadian governments are combining to set aside on St. John's Island, along the coast of Newfoundland and at various places in Canada, and on both sides of the line. Another picture showed a remarkable effect of a perpendicular upheaval of rock, a great steep cliff, standing all by itself in the sea, a great outjutting, separating the Bay of Newfoundland from the Atlantic Ocean.

The next views shown were illustrating an extensive fishing trip which the speaker took with several of the most noted of our present day sport writers. He told of his pleasurable experiences with Hugh Fullerton, Maximilian Foster, Grantland Rice, Billy McGee, and others. He showed an amusing view of McGee employing football tactics to land one fish, falling on the big fellow and holding him for downs. Many of the sub-titles of this reel of film were very clever and witty. The one announcing the name of a river where Mr. Armstrong and his party were fishing to be the Paris, ran "They probably call this the Paris, because it is beautiful and a little fast."

At this point the party was shown making camp in the fastest time that operation has ever been performed, until the camera was slowed down upstairs, when the campers resumed their normal gait. Thrilling scenes of running the rapids were next flashed on the screen, accompanied by engrossing stories about that exciting sport. Very beautiful scenes of northern streams added greatly to the narrative throughout.

Scenes of Lake Louise

To students of geology the next phase of Mr. Armstrong's talk proved extremely interesting and instructive. The movies showed views of Lake Louise, the so-called "most beautiful lake in America," a small, glistening jewel, with its setting, a magnificent snow-capped mountain range, 5,044 feet above sea level. Another lake of this region, the Lake of Hanging Glaciers, also offered some splendid pictures. Great masses of ice send tongues of the glacier creeping towards the lake, into which immense blocks of ice fall intermittently. The Columbia glacier covers 200 square miles. It presents a wall of ice 100 feet high, great bergs from which are continually breaking off into the water. Huge ice caves, with their fanciful designs, seemed to be scenes from fairyland, so delicate and intricate were their formations.

The lecturer's tale of the fjords was illustrated by a regular movie news reel, a Kinogram Travelogue, which was taken on one of Mr. Armstrong's expeditions. A feature of this reel was the views of the totem poles of a tribe of Alaskan Indians. These pictures were taken on the spots where the gold-seekers trod, many years ago.

Mr. Armstrong brought his talk to an end with several scenes of fisheries along the Alaskan coast, and of the shooting of sea-lions and the harpooning of whales.

Mr. Armstrong is one of a number of prominent sportsmen who are lecturing throughout the country, under the auspices of the national Bureau of Commercial Economics. President Coolidge is sponsoring a campaign of the Outdoor Recreation Society, for the fostering of outdoor life, of which this series of lectures is a part. The promulgation of the doctrine of conservation is another purpose of this wide-spread campaign.

Y. M. C. A. POOL TABLE FOUND ON TOP FLOOR OF SILLIMAN

The baffling mystery of the Y. M. C. A. pool table has at last been solved. It was missing all last year and its absence was greatly regretted by the young men of the Christian Association. Investigation by local sleuths has revealed the fact that the before-mentioned table is stored on the top floor of Silliman Hall. All of which goes to show that the top floor of Silliman Hall is very rarely looked into.

Mr. Coughlin has promised to have the table brought downstairs and put in shape. It will be set up in one of the rear rooms of the first floor.

SHALL UNITED STATES JOIN WORLD COURT?

Vote of Undergraduates Will Be Held Wednesday Morning After Chapel

"Shall the United States of America join the World Court?" That is the question that will be voted upon by the undergraduates after chapel Wednesday morning. Before the vote is taken, the main issues of the question will be presented so that each vote will represent the opinion of a college undergraduate who knows both sides of the question.

The Permanent Court of International Justice is the first actual Court set up by the nations of the world in an attempt to substitute law for war as the method for settling international disputes. The court has now been functioning for three years and during this time has made six judgments and given 11 advisory opinions. The six judgments concern the S. S. Wimbledon, the Mavrommatis Concessions, the Treaty of Neuilly, and Polish Expropriations. The court consists of 11 judges and four deputy judges. These judges are elected from the eminent jurists of the world without regard for nationality.

There are three important questions to be considered before voting on this question. 1. How are these judges elected? 2. What law do they apply? 3. What is the Court's jurisdiction and what kind of questions can be brought up before it? The answers to these questions are as follows: 1. The judges are nominated by the members of the Hague Court of Arbitration, and are elected by the Council and Assembly of the League, acting independently of each other. They must be "independent judges, elected regardless of their nationality from among persons of high moral character, who possess the qualifications required in their respective countries for appointment to the highest judicial offices, or are jurisconsults of recognized competence in international law." 2. The Court applies, as the basis of its decisions, the general principles of international law, and the international customs by which the United States and all other civilized nations are already bound. 3. The Statute of the Court provides "the jurisdiction of the Court comprises all cases which the parties refer to it and all matters specifically provided for in treaties and conventions in force."

It is self-evident that the United States should enter the World Court at some time. Shall we wait until the Court is perfected or shall we join now and help perfect it?

Reasons for Entrance

1. The World Court is a step in advance towards real civilization.
2. The entrance of the United States in the World Court will benefit the World Court, the world at large, and the United States.
3. The United States is being brought more and more in contact with the other nations of the world and we must abandon our aloofness in an effort to help the world with a great problem.

Reasons Against Entrance

1. The World Court has no power, except that of public opinion, to enforce its decisions.
2. The institution of war has a legal status in existing international law. Before the court can function effectively, the present legal status of war must be abolished and war must be outlawed as a public crime by a general treaty of the nations.
3. There is practically no international law acknowledged by all the nations.

CHAPEL PREACHER TALKS ON SUCCESS

Dr. Perry Thinks Health, Intelligence, and Character Most Essential

Dr. Lewis Perry, headmaster of Phillips-Exeter Academy, taking as his text the Sermon on the Mount, St. Matt. 6:19-34, urged those at Chapel Sunday to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Dr. Perry began by quoting James A. Garfield, who, when asked what qualities he thought were most needed to attain success in life, replied, "a strong arm, clear head, and a brave heart." Calling these qualities health, intelligence, and character, and taking them up one by one, Dr. Perry discussed them and their relation to us.

Speaking of health, Dr. Perry said that he believed college men of today were a good deal more healthy than those of 75 years ago. Nothing, however, discouraged him more than the over-enthusiasm and cursing of college men at football games and other intercollegiate affairs. The only cure for such evils, thought Dr. Perry, was greater knowledge and participation in sports.

Turning to the second essential, intelligence, he gave, as an example, the life of William Osler, founder of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and late regis professor of medicine at Oxford. When asked his secret of success, Prof. Osler replied that he was not born with brains, that his secret of success was the master word "work."

Coming to the last requirement, Dr. Perry said that he greatly doubted if the boys of today had as much force of character as those of 90 years ago. He said that at that time many cooks on sea-faring ships were between the ages of 9 and 12 and many of the captains were between 18 and 19. He knew that we did not lack courage—the war proved this—but he wondered if we were as "willing to assume responsibility."

In closing Dr. Perry said that the most hopeless boy in a school or college was the one who had no belief, either in God or in his fellow students. "If we seek clearly and far, at noon we will find arms stronger, heads clearer, and hearts more stalwart."

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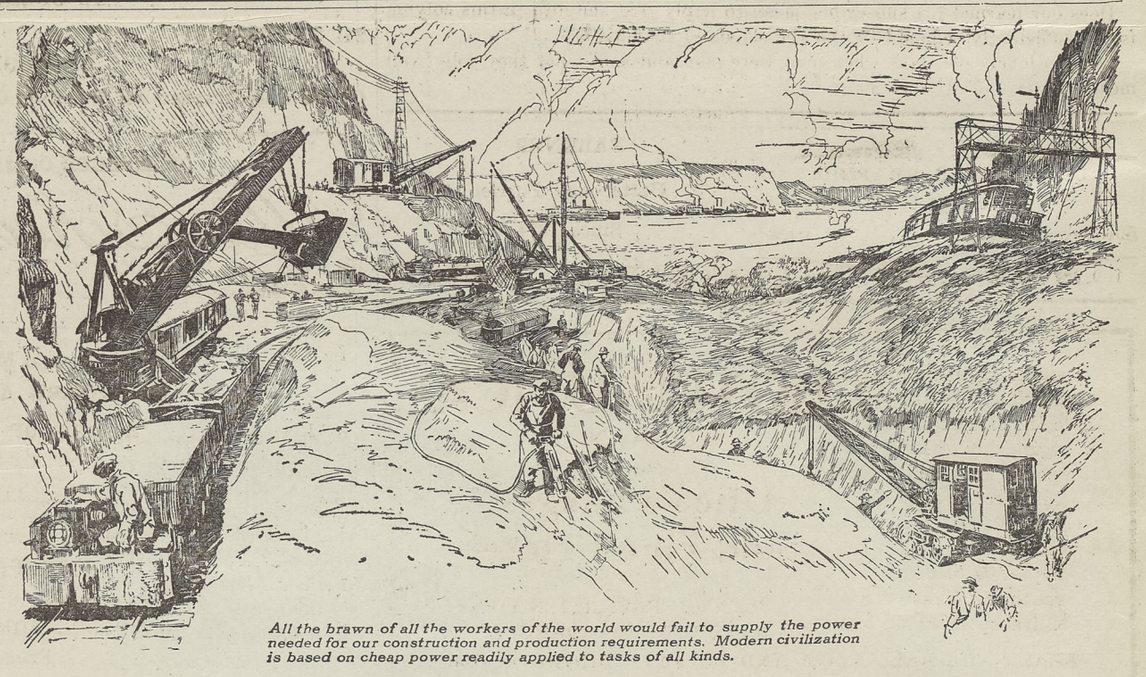

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Dear Editor of **Life**:

Following your suggestion the writer had a personal interview with Mr. Coughlin regarding the new Papal edict issued from the Diet of Commons. Mr. Coughlin was sipping tea as I entered and as he motioned me to a seat he laughed uproariously.

"Yes," he said in jocular accent, "I am having more fun than a pair of monkeys over this Commons ruling."

With that he went to his escritoire and returned burdened with an exuberance of letters. Here are some of the excuses he is getting in his daily (occasionally bi-daily) mail:

"Dear Mr. Cufflink:

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"My dear Mr. Coffin:

Henry (my son) has written me about your new rule that a boy must have his father's permission in writing if he is to sign out at Commons. Now I want to know—Does (or does not) the son of a Rotarian Mason who has reached the age of 21 (the son, of course) need his parent's excuse to avoid eating where he does not want to eat? I want to know!"

"Dear Mr. EM. Coughling:

Now Mr. Coughling, I want you should excuse Reginald from eating in Commons Hall as he is an individual.....I was always brought up by my parents (one of which is a descendent of the Mayflower) that what is good for the common heard is not always calculated to improve the mental background of one whose family has been in the best circles from the earliest days of our history and even back farther than that...."

"Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that Mr. ..... has his father's permission to eat where and when he pleases."

"Dear Ed:

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"To Mr. E. M. Coughlin:

Where do you get this excuse stuff? KKK."

"Mr. Coughlin:

I am an orphan. Will an excuse from the president of the S. P. C. A. be sufficient?"

To a man of Mr. Coughlin's rotund humor, these things are to say the least amusing. What a jolly time he will have next Spring when his new rule goes into force that the discarding of heavy underwear must be accompanied by a permit from Mr. Prettyman and Dr. Hamlin!

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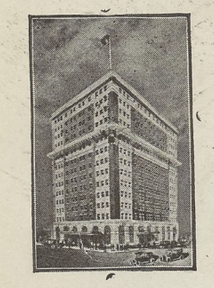
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CHARLATANS TO PLAY DURING DRAMA WEEK

To Repeat Dunsany Play in Utica During Week of Jan. 25

The Charlatans, Hamilton's dramatic club, will take part in the Drama Week which will be staged in Utica the week of Jan. 25, according to an announcement made by Frank H. Robson, president of the organization. Practically all of the dramatic clubs of Utica and vicinity will stage some kind of a play during the Utica Drama Week which will be a part of the nation-wide campaign to stimulate interest in the drama, particularly in the Little Theater movement.

The Charlatans will put on the play which they so successfully staged here during Fall Party, Lord Dunsany's "Night at an Inn." The first night of the week, Monday, Jan. 25, has been reserved for the Charlatans' presentation.

Among the other dramatic clubs to take part in Drama Week are the Utica Players' Club and the Catholic Women's Club. Each organization will present a play of its own choosing. One play a night will be given at the Utica Public Library, and the entire local movement is under the direction of Miss Butcher.

Although no definite choice has been made, it appears that Chester B. Fernald's "The Cat and the Cherub" will be the next undertaking of the Charlatans. It is a Chinese melodrama replete with thrills, and should prove an interesting attraction if it is used by the club.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES ONE DAY JUNIOR PROM

Bob McGregor, chairman of the Prom Committee, states that the party begins to look like a success. He wishes to correct some mistakes made in the last issue of **Life.** The prom is to take place on Friday night, and as far as the committee is concerned, there is to be but a one-day party. Two or three day parties are to be left to the discretion of the separate crowds. There is a possibility that there may be some entertainment for the guests on Saturday, provided enough of the fraternities hold dances that evening, but the committee only pledges itself to provide the entertainment and prom on Friday.

There is to be a Glee Club concert before the prom. The dance will start at 10 o'clock and end at 5. Music will be furnished by the nine-piece Barbary Coast Orchestra of Dartmouth College.

It is still a question as to whether or not there will be separate booths furnished for the crowds. The decorations will consist solely of lighting effects.

There is to be a humorous circular sent to each of the guests, which will tell about the events and sidelights of the prom. Fradenburgh is going to write it, and Esch is to draw the heading design.

The crowds are supporting the prom in excellent fashion this year. All the fraternities except the Alpha Delts will attend the dance.

On Saturday evening there is to be a hockey game with the alumni.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday

Instrumental Club rehearsal at 4:30.

Fraternity meetings.

Glee Club rehearsal at 9.

Wednesday

Musical Clubs concert at New York Mills at 8.

Instrumental Club rehearsal at 5:30.

Mathematics Club meeting at Prof. Brown's at 8.

History Club meeting at Sigma Phi Place at 8.

Biology Club meeting at Prof. Morrill's at 8.

Thursday

Choir rehearsal at 7:45.

Friday

Meeting of Pi Delta Epsilon at Theta Delta Chi House at 8.

Instrumental Club rehearsal at 4:30.

French Club at Dr. Shepard's at 8:00.

Saturday

Glee Club rehearsal at 2.

Movies in Commons at 8, Viola Dana and Raymond Griffith in "Forty Winks."

Instrumental Club rehearsal at 3:30.

Sunday

Chapel preacher, Pres. Paul D. Moody of Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt.

Glee Club rehearsal at 2:30.

Instrumental Club rehearsal at 3:30.

"FORTY WINKS" TITLE OF COMING PICTURE

Romance, Mystery, and Fun All Enter in Comedy

"Forty Winks," adapted to the screen from "Lord Chumley," one of the outstanding comedy successes of the last 30 years of stage history by David Belasco and Henry C. DeMille, is the film to be shown Saturday night in Commons. The production features Viola Dana, Theodore Roberts and Raymond Griffith in the leading roles.

The story is one of Chumley, who is so funny that nobody takes him seriously. However through a series of adventures as dangerous as they are laughable,he succeeds in solving a mystery, winning a society beauty, and saving her brother from disgrace. All of which is claimed to be portrayed in a manner that makes "Forty Winks" splendid entertainment.

The picture is a light, fast and furious comedy flavored with that element of romance and tingling mystery that made "Grumpy" so enjoyable. Roberts plays the role of a retired rear admiral of the United States Navy. Miss Dana is cast as his daughter and William Boyd is his son, a naval lieutenant who starts all the trouble by losing a valuable official document which has been entrusted to him. Cyril Chadwick, who played father in "Peter Pan," is the Butterworth family lawyer, as crooked as they come. It is he who robs the young lieutenant of his plans through an accomplice, an oriental girl, a part played by Anna May Wong.

The lieutenant is in a fine fix. His superior officer informs him that if the lost documents are not recovered within 48 hours he will have to face court martial and disgrace. Chumley stumbles in on the scene and at every blundering turn manages to do the right thing. Matters are straightened out and Chumley wins the girl, but not until after some genuinely funny scenes have taken place.

SOCCER TEAM ELECTS FORSHAY TO CAPTAINCY

At a recent meeting of the soccer team Frederick Forshay was elected to the captaincy. This honor comes as the result of three years' consistent work in the position of right wing. For the past two years Freddy has played on the regular team. During his freshman year he got in enough games to win his full numerals. He is a very consistent player and is extremely clever in foot work. He has scored a good tally of scores during the past year. It is of interest to note that this is Forshay's only sport. He is a very popular man among the members of his class. Forshay comes from Glen Ridge, N. J., and is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

The prospects for soccer look extremely bright for next year. The team will lose only three regular players through graduation, Capt. Payne, Nichols, and J. Chase. This leaves eight varsity men and several experienced substitutes to uphold Hamilton's reputation on the soccer field. There will probably be several freshmen next year who will show up well.

ED. CLARK CAPTAIN-ELECT OF CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Edwin P. Clark, '28, has been elected captain of cross country for the season of 1926. He is a brother of "Bob" Clark, '25, captain, and one of the star runners of last year's team.

Young Clark came through this season easily the outstanding man among the Buff and Blue harriers. He was the first Hamilton man to cross the line in the Union meet, and second among the Hamiltonians at R. P. I., being outdistanced by the freshman, Baker. Both these races were won by the opponents with perfect scores. In the Hobart run at Geneva, Clark finished second. The new captain showed up to be a promising runner his freshman year, although he did not place in any of the meets.

CONFERENCE HELD IN N. Y. C.

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community. It is his opinion that really serious matters should come up for consideration rather than questioons of a frivolous nature which are often decided by this body.

Probably the most important matter which came up at the Conference was a lengthy discussion of the rushing systems. An ideal rushing system was proposed, which will be presented to the Hamilton undergraduates.

It was discovered that the interfraternity council at Hamilton is the only one which has as a member a representative of the neutral body. Some councils do not even include the local fraternities.

Dr. Walter H. Conley of the Department of Public Welfare of New York, and a member of Phi Sigma Kappa from Union, presided at the Conference.

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